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**In re Application of:**

**Inventor:** Michael LAMLA et al.

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**For:** METHOD FOR TESTING THE AUTHENTICITY OF A DATA CARRIER

**REPLY**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This reply is in response to the Office Action of June 4, 2004. A petition to extend the shortened statutory period to reply is included herewith. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.